

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-26 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 4 and 11, and add Claims 27-38 as follows.

1 -3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A digital camera which can be directly connected to a printer ~~via a cable~~, and has a function of directly transmitting ~~a plurality of images sensed digital image data~~ to the printer, comprising:

a selection unit configured to select a plurality of images to be printed;
a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selection unit are to be printed;

a checking an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving adapted to check if a reception end message is received from the a connected printer a request for transmitting an, after digital image data to be printed, the requested image to the printer is transmitted while the cable is connected; and

a display unit configured adapted to display, in response to receiving from the printer, a if said checking unit receives the reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer may disconnect before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed cable can be disconnected.

5 -10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image input apparatus which can be directly connected to ~~an image output device via a cable a printer~~, and has a function of directly transmitting a ~~digital image to the image output device~~ plurality of images to the printer, comprising:

a selection unit configured to select a plurality of images to be printed;
a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selection unit are to be printed;
an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;
and
a display unit adapted ~~configured~~ to display, before completion of an image outputting process, by the image output device, of a digital image transmitted from said image input apparatus to the image output device, information indicating that the cable can be disconnected from said image input apparatus or the image output device when receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all of the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the communication between the image input apparatus and the printer may disconnect, before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed.

12 -26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein, in response to receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message, said display unit prompts the user to select another image to be printed.

28. (New) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein said display unit displays information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

29. (New) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected by a cable, and said display unit displays information indicating that the cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

30. (New) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface, and said display unit displays information indicating that the camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

31. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein, in response to receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been

printed after receiving the reception end message, said display unit prompts the user to select another image to be printed.

32. (New) A method of controlling a digital camera which can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images to the printer, comprising the steps of:

selecting with the digital camera a plurality of images to be printed;
transmitting to the printer a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selecting step are to be printed;
transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer; and
displaying, in response to receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all of the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer may disconnect, before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed.

33. (New) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select another image to be printed, in response to the digital camera receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message.

34. (New) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the

printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to the camera receiving the reception end message from the printer.

35. (New) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that a cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected by the cable.

36. (New) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that the digital camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface.

37. (New) A method of controlling an image input apparatus which can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images to the printer, comprising:

selecting with the image input apparatus a plurality of images to be printed;
transmitting, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selecting step are to be printed;

transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

displaying, when receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all of the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the

communication between the image inputting apparatus and the printer may disconnect, before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed.

38. (New) The method according to Claim 37, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select another image to be printed, in response to the image input apparatus receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message.